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The aims of SPI, are to collect, research, and publish, accounts relating to most aspects of strange phenomena, and to inform the general public that there is indeed a case to be answered. SPI do not hold or express any strict viewpoint as to the nature of the events of which we research, we keep an open mind, and hope that by continued research we may come up with some answers to account for what at present eludes us.

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EDITORIAL.



The mysterious movements of table tapping, a phenomenon prolific of the Victorian Spiritualist era, is, I'm glad to say, still alive and tapping, as I found out recently when I sat in at an experiment at my friend's house in the town of Alloa in Clackmannanshire. The table we used was 21 inches in height, with a surface top of 18 inches. The table is quite old and belonged originally to a family member. Five of us participated on this particular evening, 4 females and myself. After turning the lights down low, we sat with baited breath with our hands on the table in the expectation of some form of movement.

After a period of around 10 minutes, with the oft asked question, "is anybody there" ?, the table made a distinct move up on two of its legs and then returned itself to the floor. It accomplished this a further two times indicating to those present that indeed, 'somebody was there'. I should also state here that the surface of this table was of a highly varnished texture, of which due to the background heat in the room, one's finger tips when perspiring, tended to slip or slide on the table if one tried to pull the table towards them normally. Anyway, the table then proceeded to amaze even me with its further movements in which it gave off various messages from people known and unknown to those present. This was obtained by the table's continuous tapping, (moving on two legs to one side), until it reached the desired letter of the alphabet.

I observed, as far as my eye could see, no sign of any strong exertion by the hands of any of those present in order to cheat. Nor could I observe any sign that those present used their feet to lift the table in the semi-darkness. I still find it incredible that a table can move in this apparent spiritual manner, and although on this occasion the table never actually lifted from the ground into the air, it did manage that other oft reported accomplishment, that of 'Dancing'. Let me explain. During one communicators message, he expressed a desire to dance, and by golly did this table not move, it was simply 'thudding' from side to side, quite remarkable. Those present took it in turns to knock out a sequence of five raps on the table with their fingers, of which, seconds later, the familiar response of two knocks soon followed. Indeed, if two knocks, or as in some

occasions small creaks from the table top's surface, did not follow, then the table would once again rise on two legs and thud down twice indicating the continuity of this sequence. On some occasions, depending on whom was communicating through the table, the table would in some instances rise up on two legs ever so slowly and then lower itself down in the same manner.

When we took the 'micky' out of the table, (yes I'm afraid to say we did), well the response was quick and energetic. ie, the table tilted up violently and came down violently. On some occasions the table rose so far to one side that it was almost on top of one of the participants. I've seen on T.V. whole groups of people rising tables, large ones at that, into the air on some forgotten magic show, David Berglass? And his ascertainment was that there was nothing spiritual about it. That it was the result of unconscious muscular activity, ie, that your hand is never in fact really still, it continually twitches, and that in regards to an experiment on table tilting, the more the merrier so to speak. But even to this researcher, it still amazes me that no matter how many people levitate the table, be it large or small, well it's a spectacular sight to see. I'm sure that in some cases this feat can be accomplished due to trickery and manipulation, but we have got to remember that much information given out by table tilting has been proven to be correct, and more to the fact, in instances when those present could not at the time accept what was being tapped out. Jung's collective unconscious perhaps?

I would suggest that for those of you interested enough to try table tapping, one should begin with a prayer, and in the Lord's name. Have someone take notes, or better still, video record it. (SPI aim to do this shortly). My recent experience with the table, even resulted in the table tapping out through the alphabet, 2 different letters of which I was thinking of in my head, I did not disclose these letters to those present, and guess what? the table got them right.

So be it Ouija Board, Table Tapping, Automatic Writing or whatever, being a spiritualist myself who obviously believes in Life After Death, (owing to my involvement with the evidence I might add) well I believe that the phenomenon of table tapping is indeed a medium, (excuse the pun) of making contact with the other side. On another occasion of which I was unfortunately not present, the table with three sitters performed the afore-mentioned effects only with more veracity. When my friend retired to bed that night, she was startled to hear many noises coming from various parts of the bedroom which, as she so aptly put it, was unnerving to say the least. And so readers the world of strange phenomena goes on as will the movements of table tilting whenever there are those who desire an audience with the other side. Any thoughts on this by you would be welcomed by the Editor.



BY
**FRANK
M'KAY.**

It has been said that the great Harry Houdini had, on dying, vowed that, if there was a way, he would contact his loved ones from the grave, but after many years of special seances, this contact was never made. Although Houdini was reputed to have exposed false mediums he, apparently did believe in genuine ones and the Afterlife in general. Why then was the ability to make contact denied this believer?.

One answer may well be found in the theory of Reincarnation, if one considers that Houdini's spirit was reincarnated into a new born baby before it had time to make his proposed contact. One thing would seem to be for certain, and that is that we alone are not the masters of our eternal destiny. There have, apparently been cases of pre-proposed contact, even pacts between friends which have been reported as having been fulfilled as planned, - but usually very shortly after the passing over of the pre-proposer, or partner. Can we then assume that possibly the first Houdini 'contact' seance occurred too late? Or that Houdini's spirit was reborn almost immediately after his passing on? Obviously it is doubtful if we shall ever learn the answer to this conundrum.

Let us now consider what could likely happen when the spirit of a previous person inhabits a new born baby. Here it is, full of the memories of It's latter being, bursting to tell the world that there is indeed an Afterlife but, there is a terrible snag. The body It now inhabits is unable to respond to It's desires, or control. For it has yet to develop both physically and mentally before it can respond to any kind of control. After all, it IS a baby!. Months, even years of slow development have to be endured before the Ego can make It's presence known. And when It does, It is limited to the physical and mental abilities of the body It now inhabits. Even the most intelligent child can not be expected to automatically absorb the full understanding and pre-knowledge of a mature adult Ego. However there are many cases involving children who, often at a very early age, show incredible knowledge, or tremendously advanced talents. This, I would think, gives us a case in favour of reincarnation, - at least up to a point. The best case would have to be that of a previous adult person's Ego returning in an adult person's body, where both the body and mental faculties are fully developed but it is minus its own Ego.

But such a situation would seem to be impossible. Unless the body's own Ego, for every body must have an Ego, was so weak of nature to be crowded over by the invading Ego for the latter to be able to take over full control of the body. Here now, perhaps, we are touching on schizophrenia, a psychotic condition involving 'split personality'. If schizophrenia really IS an invading Ego attempting to 'take over' another adult's body, I am not aware of any case in which the invading Ego made mention of the After-life, or, for that matter, It's own previous life, or lives!. But then again, as schizophrenia is a clinical matter, usually handled by medical experts and psychiatrists, it is quite unlikely that the details involving respective patients could ever become public knowledge, or, for that matter, anyone's knowledge outside the medical profession.

Thus the pattern of things goes on to withhold any definite and conclusive admission as to what actually happens after death. Yet we are constantly 'prodded' with a regular flow of 'odd incidents' involving genius child proteges, the 'I have been here before' syndrome and many, many other mindbending items.

Religion constantly tells us to 'have faith' which, for most of us, is not too easy to do, - especially when you are an investigator looking for answers. However the more one becomes involved in looking for these answers the more it becomes apparent that all items classified as 'phenomena' just cannot be analysed as one does a science. Either that, or the means of such analysis has, like much of phenomena itself, so far eluded us. This, of course, is the principal reason why practising scientists generally stay clear of phenomena. An attitude also adopted by most politicians and other 'rational minded' people.

But the 'enquiring mind' refuses to let go of phenomena, which I think is a good thing. In fact, had it not been for 'enquiring minds' the politicians and the other rationalists might still be sitting in candlelit chambers and offices, and riding to and from work on horseback or stage-coach. Isn't it odd how scientists quickly rally round a previously assumed 'mad colleague' when he proves that his 'way out' notions DO work!.

Then there are the 'we are not meant to know that' brigade, who adopt that attitude because they themselves cannot think beyond the accepted rule. Also there are those who cannot see the point as to why anyone would seek to find out what happens after death. They say 'when we die, we die, and that's that!'. But we, who have listened to the odd stories, read the countless odd articles in newspapers, - as well as academically acclaimed books and journals, are not so easily put off. We shall go on trying to find out what the next step is after death if only because death, like

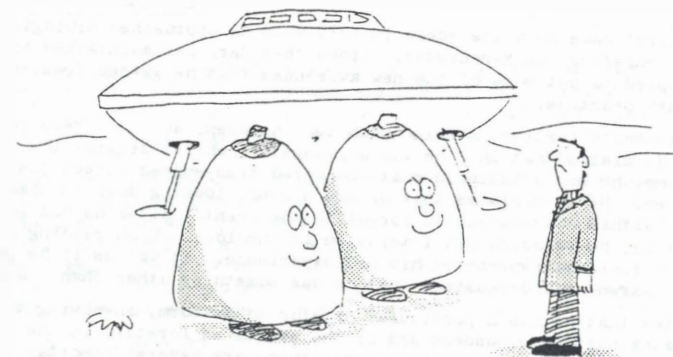
Everest is THERE and, like Everest can be conquered, - if only to reveal the next step after that step.

When that goal is achieved I wonder how the world's 'powers-that-be' will react to it?. I should imagine that they will most likely be greatly overwhelmed. For, as a rule, they usually only respond to corporeal things ignoring that which pertains to spiritual and intangible items. As death is enevitable to all of us, and only profitable to undertakers, it invites very little attention from 'empire builders'.

Like theology it is generally ignored, - although religion is fine for weddings, christenings, funerals, Easter and Christmas, - for they, at least, have monetary connections, - and money, it would seem, is the true god of this planet as far as a lot of people are concerned, - if they were honest enough to admit it!. As for the other 'intangibles', such as UFO's; Ghosts and Phenomena in general, they are only good as subjects for books, mainly fictional of course, and movies...areas in which money may be made.

Thus it remains that serious study of 'intangibles' is the forte of the non-profit seekers. If any headway is to be made it will be made on a shoestring budget, and by people who do not choose to ignore that which, so far, eludes us.

It is obvious that even if discoveries are made, - as well they might, the discoverers will not become rich by their efforts. But then, neither was a certain carpenter from Nazareth, when he started stirring things up over two thousand years ago. Funny thing though, we still remember Him!

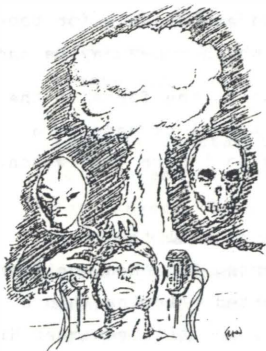


'THIS IS NOT OUR NATURAL FORM BUT AFTER STUDYING YOUR MEDIA PERIODICAL CALLED 'THE SPOT' WE DECIDED THAT THIS SHAPE FITS WHAT YOU HUMANS THINK AN ALIEN SHOULD LOOK LIKE'

ALIEN CONTACT OR ARMAGEDDON ?



Four summaries of case studies. Each individual witness claims an 'alien contact' of some kind which has been carefully investigated by Clive Potter, Philip Mantle, and Andrew Walmsley, (IUN) of the British UFO Research Association (BUFORA). None of the four following case studies have ever been published in any National Newspaper. These cases are a continuation of joint IUN/BUFORA Abduction/Contactee work.



Each of the following four brief cases came to the attention of UFO researchers at both BUFORA and the IUN. Each percipient have given their approval to have their identities used for the purpose of this article, and each desires contact with others who have had similar experiences and have felt the same feelings towards the future of the planet Earth. Each feels that as a direct result of their UFO contact experiences that they have been given information, or a new awareness, with regards to the future, and they have a role to play in any future society, or certainly in the transition between the old and the new one. All four percipients are convinced that this information was, and in some cases, still is, given to them by 'alien contact'.

1. Gary Harlow: Northamptonshire.

Gary Harlow first came onto the scene in 1975 when he approached UFOlogist Jenny Randles at a conference in Manchester. Since then Gary has maintained his account and has attempted to put some of the new awareness that he gained from the UFO experience into practice.

Gary is in his early forties, married with two children, and is a research technician. He claims that when he was a youngster, whilst digging the garden at his former home, he saw a luminous multi-coloured disc-shaped object just hovering above the trees. He then claims that he saw himself looking down on himself from this object. Within 6 weeks he had forgotten the event. After he had got married at the age of 22, he began to get interested in theology. Upon reading a certain passage in the Bible he remembered his UFO experience. It was as if he gained a new sense of awareness and realised that he was something other than himself.

Gary now states that he has a particular mission to perform, involving the changing of mankind's consciousness and of the events as foretold in the Bible and other religious teachings. Gary claims that there are several important artifacts that are currently concealed and that the time is right for these to be found and their nature revealed to mankind.

Essentially, Gary's claim is that the events as told in the Bible under Revelations will occur and that HE will be instrumental in bringing some of these events about.

Gary's case is extremely complex and often bizarre, but basically concerns itself with future changes brought about by alien involvement on Earth.

2. David Rogers: Coventry.

This case, still currently under investigation, came to our attention through personal contact with the witness. The witness, single and in his late 30's and currently unemployed, has had UFO contact and psychic experiences since a young child. His first UFO sighting was of a strange light that was observed by David and a group of classmates whilst still at school. He was then about 15 years old. The same strange light appeared to make a very personal appearance to him when he was 17 and he was at home in Coventry. The light performed large triangle movements in the sky between the first and second sighting. David had images or experiences of seeing non-human entities at his bedroom window, and of being transported through the window and onto a craft of some description in the sky.



Also between the two sightings and since for several years, David would often wonder the nearby fields and simply stare at the sky for hours on end. He felt that he was waiting for something but cannot explain what. These 'wonderings' would often leave David with a 'missing time' experience, not knowing what had happened during a certain time period.

David later developed into a Clairvoyant. He has displayed all the outward signs of being a secret abductee, someone who has had missing time, memories of entity visitations, UFO experiences and so on, but who cannot now recall all of the details either through repressed memory or by some other means. David has had great feelings towards the future of the planet and feels that there will be a nuclear holocaust, and possibly a natural catastrophe. There will be people who will survive and continue in a new society. Since developing his Clairvoyance, David has received psychic messages about this future holocaust and the fact that a particular artifact will be retrieved and it is to be used for some unknown purpose in connection with future changes.

3. Patricia Mee: Manchester.

Patricia Mee first contacted BUFORA in April 1989. She believes that UFO contact (alien contact) has been made with her and she has had this feeling of alien contact (or knowing as she puts it), since she was six years old. She is now in her early 30's. Patricia is married, and works as a secretary and personal assistant.

Patricia has received information through her mind about other civilisations and a whole host of information about the universe. Much of this information has been repressed by Patricia for whatever reason and she has stated that she feels 'different' from other people, almost 'alien' in fact. She states that at the age of six she began to feel certain 'funny feelings' which she could not understand, feelings of not being alone. She felt as though she was being followed everywhere, but could not see anyone, she could only feel their presence.

Patricia began to look skyward day and night, and did remember saying to herself "that's where they come from". Patricia remembers having a secret playmate visible only to her as a child. This playmate looked exactly like the strange alien entity depicted on the front cover of abductee Whitley Strieber's book 'Communion' (as depicted above). Patricia has also detailed numerous 'alien contact' throughout

her life. She even claims that at one stage she was shown the alien's home planet. Their planet is a three-planetary system and Patricia even knows the names of these three planets. Patricia has suffered deep emotional feelings about herself. She does feel that she is from somewhere else, and that she has a specific task to carry out. She feels that she has to meet similar people to herself who can help her impart the information given to her via her 'alien contact' experiences. She feels strongly that the Earth is moving into dangerous times, and that physical as well as spiritual changes will occur. She feels that there is a plan to lead mankind to greater understanding and enlightenment, and that she is part of that plan. When that plan is fulfilled she feels that she will be able to return 'home'.

4. Graham Allen: Staffordshire.

Graham first contacted BUFOA in April 1989. Graham is in his mid 30's, married with 3 children, and runs his own decorating business.

In June 1979 he was driving on the A34 near Oxford when he underwent a typical 'missing time' experience often associated with so called 'abductions'. His car radio became 'crackly' and he lowered his head and fiddled with it. Looking up, Graham discovered that it was now raining heavily, moments before it was not. He also discovered that he was inexplicably lost, and was on an unfamiliar stretch of road. He was disorientated and quite confused. Eventually Graham found his way to his destination and reached there in some distress. He later discovered that he had 'driven' over 15 miles in less than a few minutes. Something which is quite impossible.

In November 1982 he occasionally experienced a high pitched sound at night, and he seemed to lose control. At times these experiences would increase and then would subside in regularity. Between 1983 and 1984, he began receiving information into his mind from an unknown source. The subject matter in this information seemed to relate to time, space, gravity, molecular structure, positive and negative forces and even pollution. These experiences would often last all night and he would be fully awake during them. Often he would end up with severe headaches after them. These experiences ended in the summer of 1984. He was presented with a detailed description of a machine with non-frictional moving parts. Graham requested the messages to cease, as he could take no more at that time.

No more contact was made for two years. When it did return, the information was now about the mind and reality. In December 1987, Graham awoke one morning and had a spontaneous recall of the original event on the road near Oxford. He recalled seeing a golden yellow haze surrounding his car, and the car itself was stationary. He could see a man with a dog who seemed to be absolutely motionless. He was also aware of a low humming sound, and saw a bright yellow light above the car. He panicked and shouted to the man who did not respond. Then everything went black, and he was then aware of being on his back and observed three strange faces peering over him. When he fully awoke, Graham was convinced that this is what really happened to him on the road near Oxford.



Between 1987 and 1989, he has had regular contact with what he then began to accept as Extraterrestrial beings. He could now ask questions of the aliens and answers would be given. Graham now feels a need to speak to others about his experiences and his information as he feels that the planet Earth is about to undergo severe physical and spiritual changes. Like other similar people, the year 1992 is given as the year when these changes will occur.

Comments by Clive Potter, Philip Mantle, and Andrew Walmsley.

All of the afore-mentioned cases represent people from a wide variety of backgrounds who have undergone what may be termed as an 'alien contact'. The percipients generally express or interpret their contact as being with aliens, but it is at least the view of these researchers that these experiences could be the result of contact with another form of consciousness rather than some extraterrestrial beings.

Close Encounters of the 4th kind (CE4) where contact is made with UFO occupants or alien entities, often occur during sleep times, which, as we know, is an altered state of consciousness. It could well be that the CE4 occurs in the mind of those involved, when it is in a receptive state, and contact can occur with another realm of human consciousness. It could be that this altered state of consciousness could form part of the collective unconsciousness which in turn would explain the similarities of the experiences related by the different percipients. Research in this area is still in its infancy in Britain, and the assistance of well qualified social scientists is urgently needed.

CE4's are on the increase, as are messages concerning impending doom. Mediums are convinced that such messages are from the spirit world, while others, like the four cases above, are equally as sure that the messages are from aliens trying to help us. But one thing is certain, with all of the cases described above and with countless other people who have had similar warnings or visions of the future, and that is, we are being told that we are in danger. Prophecies, messages of alien contact, all talk of the end times, of an Armageddon, beginning in 1992. All of these messages, be it via mediums, the spirit world, visions, dreams, prophecies, or alien contacts, all are processed through the subconscious mind. This is where the message itself is broadcast. Such people as the above, feel an urge to seek out others and to spread the message.

The world is about to enter a great time of upheaval according to the vast array of messages received via mediums, contactees, etc. Pollution, ecological destruction, nuclear weapons, the greenhouse effect, all are combining to produce a possible Armageddon of truly Biblical proportions.. Perhaps a future Armageddon is making ripples across time, spreading outwards so that the closer we get, the stronger and more frequent the messages become. Sensitives could pick up the information first, and from this reservoir of super-consciousness which we can all dip into, some of us may also pick out images of alien contact. The perceived images will be suitable for that person/society/culture, but the messages are the same, that of impending changes that will effect the world.

Comments by Dr John Shaw, M.A., C. Psychol, A.F.B.Ps.S.

There is little doubt that the individuals whose accounts you quote in your article are 'sensitive' like Whitely Streiber, they are tuned in to the fact that the planet is in a parlous state with global warming, depletion of the ozone layer etc. They are picking up in symbolic form, warnings about impending problems and the possibility of cataclysmic events. As to the UFOs and the alien beings, these are at least the symbolic forms in which these warnings are expressed. The phenomenon of dreams shows us that it is not the form which is important so much as the message which the form of symbol expresses. However, we have to conclude that mankind has only partial knowledge of the reality in which he lives, and some individuals have have from earliest times, claimed greater knowledge than their fellows. Similarly most have only partial knowledge today, others claim more.

Streiber concluded that a non-human intelligence was at work in the phenomenon, and the close encounters which he experienced. However, just because the CE4 seems objectively real at the time, does not mean it is real in any objective material sense. It could be treated as a significant dream in which the message is all important, not the form.

As to 1992, this must be treated with scepticism I'm afraid. Christmas 1982 was supposed to be the time for a cosmic event which did not as far as I know occur. Already May 2000 AD and 1999, have also been given as key dates. As Berlitz says, "announcements of impending catastrophe are now becoming more frequent, and not only from psychic prophets, but also from scientists of a variety of disciplines". When the present era will end, nobody knows for sure....

NOTE: (Dr Shaw is the senior staff Tutor in psychology and Director of Race Relations and Equal Opportunity Courses at the Department of Extra-Mural Studies at the University of Manchester).



The above is the latest in the continuing research programme of contactees and abductees in Britain. A research programme which is badly in need of further assistance from all aspects of the social sciences. The authors are continually searching for further material like the above. If you are a witness, an Investigator, or a researcher from either the UFO field or the field of psychic research, and have material of a similar nature that you would consider sharing with the authors, then please contact: Clive Potter, 31 Grove Road, Highfields, Leicester, Leicestershire, England, LE5 3HJ.

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competition time.

O.K. its competition time for all you intelligent ENIGMA readers. The prize ? well how about 2 weeks in Majorca ? would that do ? Sorry, the SPI bank account dosen't stretch that far, it takes us to get to Edinburgh. No but seriously. We at SPI are giving as prizes, books from our collection, the first one is The Flying Saucer Vision by John Michell 1967. All you have to do to win this book is to answer the following three questions.

- (1) What is the presumed true identity of Cedric Allingham ?
- (2) Where is Britain's longest Ley Line ?
- (3) The Cottingly Fairies were proven hoaxes, true or false ?

Easy eh ? Answers on a postcard to the Editorial address. The first correct entry drawn, wins the prize. More book prizes to follow.

S.P.I. LECTURE TO THE S.S.P.R.

BY Ron Halliday

Following last years succesful joint meeting with the Scottish Society For Psychical Research, (SSPR), contact was maintained when Ron Halliday and Malcolm Robinson were invited to give a lecture to SSPR members on SPI's latest ghost & poltergeist cases. Unfortunately, as Ron headed for the railway station clutching his wad of notes, news reached him that Malcolm had been forced to call off at the last minute, (honestly Malcolm, I didn't curse you all the way to Glasgow). Bang went the video of the Sauchie Poltergeist Investigation, and coverage of the Edinburgh disco case, (see ENIGMAS May/June 1989), SSPR members loss, hopefully to be rectified at a later date.

At the venue between 40 and 50 people had turned up and were given the latest on SPI's Investigation of the Tolbooth haunting. The Tolbooth is a restaurant situated near Stirling Castle on the crest of the hill overlooking the town. It occupies part of the old gaol ("Tolbooth" is the Scots word for a gaol), section of which dates back to the early 18th century. Staff working there had reported a variety of alleged paranormal events, unexplained movement of objects, strange noises, electrical appliances switched off and on, pools of water, ghostly figures etc.

On the basis of an initial interview with the staff, SPI had decided to spend the night in the restaurant and its adjacent two storied building, now used as a hall but in a dilapidated state, and also formally part of the Tolbooth. As Ron related to the SSPR members, the SPI team, consisting of six, including two psychics, Paul Friel and Katrina McNab, 'saw' many figures and several strange sounds were heard and recorded on tape. As ever in such cases, Malcolm's video refused to work, and Ron's normally reliable hand held tape recorder was continually interrupted with high pitched interference, coincidence ?

Following the presentation, SSPR members raised several questions, and useful suggestions as to how the Investigation might be continued. Several of the audience expressed an interest in SPI's other activities such as UFO research and an update on the Loch Morar Project, currently being organised by Ron. The meeting concluded with an update by Daphne Plowman on the SSPR's current Investigation, including the very interesting sounding 'Livingston Case'. All in all, a very useful and enjoyable meeting. Better luck next time Malcolm.

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PSYCHIC PHENOMENA

by Lee Butchart.

We should remember that its thanks to 'quirky' people in the past sticking their necks out and daring to challenge orthodoxy, that we, (or most of us) have rejected the idea of a flat Earth, and Giordano Bruno was burnt at the stake for refusing to renounce his (correct) belief that the Earth goes around the Sun, so its no good rejecting an idea because it sounds odd since so many ideas are eventually proved correct.

Psychic phenomena does in fact have a very strong theoretical base and an ever increasing number of scientists, particularly nuclear scientists, are becoming very receptive towards the idea. Today physicists utilise very powerful multi-million dollar atom smashing particle accelerators to look inside the atom. The science that deals with subatomic processes deep within the atom is quantum mechanics. At the deepest observable quantum level our common sense notions of reality are shattered and we instead observe a madhouse of mind boggling subatomic processes.

One such oddity is known as the EPR effect after Einstein, Podolsky and Rosen who devised the original experiment. It shows, by causing particles to interact and separate to a great distance, that the particles are not separated at all but are in fact interconnected in some unobservable way. In a universe where everything is unified, the paranormal experience of telepathy becomes entirely possible since information can be exchanged without any observable medium. It could be argued that the effect only applies to the microscopic level but Bells theorem, described as the most significant advance in physics since the early part of the century, puts the dilemma posed by quantum phenomena clearly into the realm of macroscopic experience.

An interesting and thought provoking possibility predicted by quantum mechanics is the 'Parallel Universe' theory. The idea is that many other universes may be operating in the same place as our own. This would happen in a similar way as do the signals of radio and television. All the signals from each transmitter in existence are mixed up within one complex disturbance of electromagnetic fields and yet each one retains its individuality and can be separated back by using a suitable receiver. Since quantum physics shows that matter has wavelike

properties there is nothing whatsoever to prevent two or more universes from co-existing in the same place. Each universe, or 'plane' of existence, would be almost completely undetectable by life forms operating in universes of differing wavelengths. It is by combining the most complex of modern mathematical equations with the very deepest of subatomic quantum-mechanical discoveries, that our physicists can postulate the existence of these 'other worlds'. And the theory is gaining overwhelming acceptance among physicists.

Astronomers also know that much of the universe seems to be invisible. When they observe the universe, they are only seeing a tiny fraction of what actually exists, perhaps 10 per cent of it, the rest is out of range of our five physical senses and is largely undetectable by most scientific instruments. The motion of distant galaxies and the stars in them can only be accounted for, under the laws of gravity, if there is far more mass associated with each galaxy than there is in the visible stars that comprise it.

Physicists also know that the whole of the world around us is built solely from just three basic 'building blocks' called the proton, neutron, and electron. But there are hundreds more known particles, some of which are literally 'out of this world'. One such particle is the neutrino and its peculiar properties allow it to pass effortlessly through a block of solid lead many trillions of miles thick. These ghostly objects are very insubstantial and millions of them are passing through you right now. So we can already begin to see that reality as we experience it with our five senses, only represents a tiny portion of what actually is there, and we can see that there is some substance to the spiritualist claims of an unseen and normally unsensed world which interpenetrates, and is neatly dovetailed into our own physical world.

It is recognised by some scientists that this multi-dimensional set up presents explanations for many forms of psychic manifestations, ghosts, materialisations, clairvoyant messages, poltergeist phenomena etc, all are accountable for under the theory with many of the occurrences being no more than temporary 'interference' between one frequency and the other, and having their source origin in a so called 'parallel universe'. The supernatural and paranormal are then natural and normal after all, nothing is above the laws of physics. The theory can also address itself to the question of what happens at 'death'. Professor F. A. Wolf of San Diego State University says, "In each of these universes, you, I, and all the others who live, have lived, will live, will have ever lived, and ARE alive".

This is because the physics allows for the composite structure of humans. That is to say, we may well have several bodies, (known to some as etheric/astral spirit bodies). Each built from the companion matter of a 'parallel universe'. We can then live in more than one universe simultaneously but be 'tuned into' just one level of consciousness at any one time. At death, consciousness simply detaches from the physical body and continues to function at a different level.

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I can send more information about the theory and the physicists case for life after death, including a short thesis on the subject, to anyone who sends a stamped addressed envelope to me at, 35 Coulsons Road, Whitchurch, Bristol, BS14 0NN.

PHANTOMS OF THE SKY

14th & 15th JULY 1990.
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The Independent UFO Network (IUN) are very pleased to present the only truly International UFO Conference of 1990 to be held in the U.K. Entitled Phantoms of the Sky, UFOlogy into the 90's The conference is a two day event designed to give the latest in UFOlogical research at all levels of interest in the subject with a particular slant on where the subject has been and where it is headed. Speakers who have accepted an invitation to speak, are as follows.

SATURDAY 14th JULY :
Budd Hopkins (USA)
PETER HOUGH (UK)
DAVE CLARK & ANDY ROBERTS (UK)

SUNDAY 15th JULY :
JOHN KEEL (USA)
PERRY PETRAKIS (France).
PAUL DEVEREUX (UK)
JENNY RANGLES (UK)
BUDD HOPKINS (USA)

THE VENUE.

The Phantoms of the Sky conference will be held at the Sheffield Library Theatre next to the famous Crucible Theatre. It is easily accessible by rail and road, being 400 yards from the train and bus stations. Obviously ticket demand is going to be high to see the calibre of speakers such as Keel & Hopkins (both of whom incidentally have never spoken in this country before) therefore you are urged to book NOW to avoid disappointment. Ticket prices are: Saturday £4 Sunday £5, special 2 day ticket price £8. (PLEASE SEE BACK PAGE FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

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S.P.I. VISIT BATLEY.

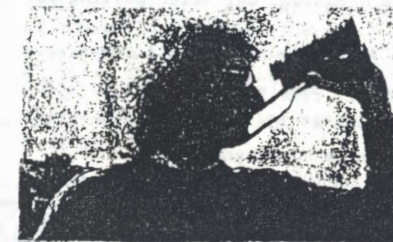


It's not often that I get the chance to visit far flung friends due to my shift rota system at United Glass Ltd, however, a small financial boost recently enabled me to afford a trip to Yorkshire with a female SPI colleague. We decided to visit a good friend of mine, the IUN's, (Independent UFO Network), Philip Mantle. Philip is a cornerstone of this organisation, and indeed has lectured to SPI in Scotland on the Peter Beard Barnsley UFO photographs, (now proven hoaxes). Philip lives in the large town of Batley which is around nine miles from Leeds.

We arrived in Leeds around 8 o'clock, and headed, would you believe, for the nearest 'boozer', after which we awoke Phil up at his house at the unearthly time of 1 am "good aint it". The following day Phil and I had a good old chin wag about the current state of UFOlogy, both in the U.K. and the U. S. We continued this discussion in Phil's favourite boozier which was not far from his home.

The following day, Phil, along with his wife Elaine, took both I and my SPI colleague up to Carleton Moor, scene of many UFO sightings and what's commonly known as, 'spooklights', or 'earthlights'. Elaine in fact claims a particular good sighting of one some time ago, this consisted of a reddish ball which travelled a distance before being lost to sight behind some low hills. Sadly, on this occasion, owing to the torrential rain and whipping strong winds, we were unable to step out from the car for a good look at this terrain.

We then moved on to another location of which YUFOS (Yorkshire UFO Society) researcher Tony Dodd allegedly took a photograph of two balls of light, red in colour which floated in the sky at a short distance. Our next port of call was the scene of England's most famous misinterpreted UFO, the 'Cracoe Fell case'. Much could be written about this here, but suffice it to say space only allows me to say that YUFOS, BUFORA and the IUN, were at loggerheads over an alleged sighting of a white UFO near an



Star gazing — Batley ufologist Philip Mantle

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outcrop of rock called Cracoe Fell near the village of Rhylstone Yorkshire back in 1981. YUFOS stated categorically that it was a bona-fide UFO, whilst the rest of England's UFO groups felt, and quite rightly so, that there was more to it than that, and eventually the rest were proven correct, in as much as it was determined that all this sighting consisted of was some small ice crystals contained near the rock surface, of which when illuminated by the sun, was, from an angle, consistant enough visually, to be construed as a UFO, a solution not favourable to YUFOS, but which of course was most certainly the correct one. Having took a few photographs we left the area and returned back to Batley.

That same evening, my colleague and I decided to take in the local Batley Spiritualist church. The church itself was friendly and was fairly full. The usual agenda of hymn singing and readings from the Bible were evident but in a slightly different order than that I'm used to in Scotland. The medium on that particular night, was a chap from Leeds whom I must say was woeful. I'm convinced that spirit was not with this guy as he rambled on about loving one another and forgetting our differences, nothing wrong in that, but this chap was more of a story teller than a medium giving out spirit communication. I'm quite sure that England has many fine mediums, but unfortunately it looks like we both picked a bad night in Batley to find a good one.

That same evening we both met back at Philip's home, two other IUN members. Andy Roberts, who is the Editor of the IUN's magazine, "UFO BRIGANTIA", and Dave Clark, a prolific writer on paranormal phenomena. Both men contributed heavily to Paul Devereux's new book, "Earth Lights Revelation", (Blandford Press £14.95). And although time did not allow them to contribute heavily to a UFO debate on this occasion, our brief meeting was none the less interesting.

The following day we said our farewells to both Philip and Elaine who had been a pleasant couple to have put up with a pair of wandering SPI members. We enjoyed our stay at the Mantle's, even although we didn't see the fabled mermaid in Phil's bath. Thanks again Phil.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



(Letters should be as brief as possible. The Editor reserves the right to shorten any letter unless the writer states that it must be published in full or not at all. Anonymous letters will not be published).

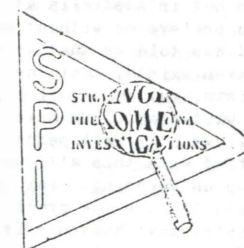
DEAR EDITOR.

I feel compelled to write to you concerning your Editorial in ENIGMAS no 10 Xmas 1990. May I firstly say, what a start to a magazine. Meaty, thought provoking, and very shrewd of you. The first comment you make refers to life on other planets more specifically, life as we know it. Well I'm sure we're all familiar with the old adage that, "in an infinite universe, there must be an infinite number of planets and an infinite number of planets which support life". I do think that there is life elsewhere, we are not so special, and it would be quite big headed of us to imagine that we're unique, but the chances of life being evolved in exactly the same way, and at the same rate as here on Earth, are quite slight. Life evolves to suit its surroundings, not vice versa, so only if a planet identical in chemical make-up, temperature, mass etc, to Earth were to be found, could we expect evolution to duplicate homo-sapiens.

Next, you wonder if God created other worlds. Well, I believe in the big bang theory, and I also believe that God instigated that, leaving its development to nature but keeping an 'eye' on things,



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or whatever means he has to monitor the progress. Jesus then came along two thousand years ago as homo-sapiens were getting somewhat out of hand, (in which case we must be due for another visit). Christ may well not have had to give his life to prove to other civilisations the existence of the 'afterlife' if indeed they needed the retribution in the first place.

I do not believe that there are other Gods although I do share the Editor's belief that God is a super intelligence albeit one so superior in nature that we could never even begin to understand or imagine the complexity of him.

As to UFOs, yes I think they exist, and I'm not surprised that they don't land on Earth within a sparkling cloud of publicity. If they have found the means to cross Interstellar space, they are obviously not stupid, and certainly not stupid enough to advertise their presence amidst a race of relative barbarians. As for sperm and ova samples being taken from mankind, I find that as easy to believe as Fallan getting pregnant by an alien in 'Dynasty'.

Yes, I believe God knows what's going on, but I also believe that, alas we will not know for sure in our life times. And why should we? God sent his son to us to tell us that if we behaved we would have everlasting life, and not many people believed him, judging by the state of things today. Belief in God is

what faith is all about. If I tell you its hot in Australia at this time of year you believe me without actually seeing it. God has told us that he exists, that Heaven exists, that the 'after-life' exists, but do we all believe him? No, we want proof. We have to see it to believe it. Well perhaps God is a bit miffed with this attitude and intends to keep us guessing. For those with true faith DO have the proof, they KNOW God exists, that heaven exists, that the 'after-life' exists. Maybe this is a reward this is a reward for having faith I really have no idea.

Well, I have certainly been given a few insights into the existence of God, yet still, like the Editor, my thoughts are dotted with question marks. But lets take things a little more slowly. There are other questions to be answered, other puzzles to be solved, that are a little less out of our reach. Let's be content to take one thing at a time, because if we try to run before we can walk, there's always the risk of us falling.

HEATHER TURNBULL, GRANCEMOUTH.

DEAR EDITOR.

What ever happened to the cold calculating wording of state-supported propaganda so synonymous with the official Soviet news agency Tass. Soviet newsmen's prime concern was the unwavering, all knowing dignified image of the Soviet Republics. When the Chinese communist Government began a UFO study, the Soviet press ridiculed them.

So why would Tass suddenly confirm the landing of an alien spaceship in the USSR. Within hours, the entire world was talking about it, and everybody knows the Russians have no sense of humour, only printing serious stories on grim topics. Still the laughter was there on American T.V. as newsmen reported the Tass story of 12 foot tall aliens with tiny heads and three eyes. Hardly the 3-4 foot large head creatures so commonly reported over here.

it appears that there is a crop of new Soviet journalists ready to see just how far perestroika and glasnost will let them go. Or have these new journalists forgotten the first rule of the fourth estate? Check your sources. It turns out the "sources" were three children playing in the park. Instead of taking their lumps, Tass began to back up their story identifying a policeman who saw the UFO flying about before it supposedly landed. Compounding the situation, Tass claims red rocks were left by the aliens with analyses showing a chemistry not common to the Earth.

Soviets have a habit of stubbornly trying to justify mistakes. Remember how they refused to admit error or guilt by shooting down the Korean airliner? This time they seem to be in the same old rut still claiming a landing to be authentic. No word whether Western labs will ever receive any of the red rocks to analyze.

We hear Soviet T.V. now carries programs with seances to heal the sick, and Tass itself regularly prints stories on the abominable snowman far from the conservative image-conscious media they were. One wonders if this sad experience will cause Tass to refrain from opening up a vast storehouse of Soviet UFO reports long hidden from us, or if we can look forward to future reports. In the meantime, I personally favour the swatting of three backsides.

LINDY WHITEHURST, DALLAS, TEXAS.

(This case was indeed proven to be a hoax)

DEAR EDITOR.

As a fledgeling member of ENIGMAS, my minds eye view of the UFO phenomenon may be of interest to your readers.

If we overturn several stones a range of familiar life forms (worms etc) will repeatedly meet our gaze. Almost certainly we will see nothing extraordinary. We would not be inspired to continue overturning stones, but nevertheless, we very infrequently turn over a stone

in meek curiosity. Equally so and very infrequently, perhaps the Extraterrestrials overturn another stone (Visit Earth again) to eye those familiar lowly life forms, (Earthlings). There is lack of a precedent which could sponsor persistent ET journeys to our planet. Such an overview offers support that the ongoing heavy abundance of claimed UFO (of technological origin) sightings are of, almost totally, unidentified aerial objects, (UAO). Some of course are hoaxes etc.

Despite the lack of tangible evidence, (absolute sceptics dine out on this), there is cause to suspect that intelligent beings (UFOs) have visited Earth. The inventiveness and achievements of homo-sapiens vastly overshadows that of our animal friends that share our planet. The disparity is seemingly too great for this feature to be part of natures formulae. Perhaps we had a helping hand in ancient times. The answer is lost in the mist of time.

G.E. WALLWORK, WORSLEY MANCHESTER.

DEAR EDITOR.

Has it occurred to anyone that what we concentrate upon we make real and that what we fail to hold onto we destroy? All the mumbo-jumbo used by dabblers in the magic arts is totally unnecessary except as a device for attracting attention and concentrating energy 'group' psychic power doesn't need incantations and meaningless sacrifices to work, only the power of united minds concentrating on a common goal.

Does this mean there aren't 'Elementals'? No. Does this mean there aren't places of power? No. What it does mean though is that you don't necessarily need either (black magic rites to entertain elementals 'Demons' is the equivalent of T.V. in this world only for beings whose interests are more primitive than man's and only include sex and violence not technical or social growth). There are only two

states of being in reality, the dispersed state of dreams and the concentrated one of consciousness. The dreamers listen and talk, the wakeful look and see, sound destroys concentration, and sight creates it. The world is pulled between these two forces, cold hard creative, (and scientific), interlect and hot explosive emotion. The former controls the passions through reason and the latter destroys it through feelings between these two realities.

The solitary life ensures the survival of the body and the growth of the mind. The gregarious life is more destructive of reality, letting everything go in noisy chaos in pursuit of fantasy. Now lets see if that puts the cat amongst the pigeons, (if you publish it?)

TONY SANDY, NORFOLK.

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CE IV INTERVIEW (Part two)

The following is an interview that I conducted with 2 members (father & son) of Glasgow rock group, CE IV in February 1989. CE IV, as you should know, are devoted to bringing to the world's attention the UFO message in their songs, and jolly good they are to.

Abrieiations : (MR) Malcolm Robinson. (BMs) Brian McMullen Senior.

(BMj) Brian McMullen Junior.

(MR) So what do you see as the next step in the progression of CE IV ? is it through similar outlets musically on cassette ? or do you see yourself becoming more involved with the 'gigs' aspect of it playing various towns and cities in Scotland ? (BMs) Both really. But there is no harm really in having Abduction 2, 3, 4, and 5. Seriously, it has got to be 'live' now, but that doesn't mean to say we won't record anymore. (MR) Is it possible to produce the feeling of your Abduction album on stage ? or is that slightly difficult ? (BMs) That would cost money, but that could be done no problem, yes a couple of actors lined up then it could be no problem. (MR) Obviously being based in Scotland, its more apt that you do Scottish gigs, but do you forsee doing any gigs in England at all ?



(BMs) I don't forsee any, but I would like to think that we could do them. I would like to be invited down to them. (MR) Now young Brian, can I ask you as we are talking about these 'gigs' and the people that are coming along, do you find that people are relating, once they know and hear about your music, that they are relating a UFO experience to the band at the end of a gig ? (BMj) Yes sometimes that can happen right enough, but it won't be a sort of formal thing, it might be that they might mention something. (MR) So what do you see as the next step for CE IV ? (BMs) Take over the world, (all laughs). The next step is to get into the professional side, hopefully, that would be great. (MR) Do you see CE IV being more marketed by others ? (BMs) Yes, that would get the message across. I would like to see us number one in the album charts, then we can sit back and say "ah well, lots of people know about UFOs now".

(MR) Are there any single songwriter within CE IV, or do you all combine to produce the songs ? (BMs) Its a combination. Its an idea from one guy who will discuss it with the others, and then we take it from there. So 9 times out of 10 its never from the one person alone, its more of a collective thing. (MR) Do you feel that there is enough of the UFO subject to be getting on with ? ie, the major thing being Abductions which you have now covered. One would say that you cannot go past the Abduction thing because that is the biggest thing. I mean, where do you go now ? (BMs) Well that's dead simple. where does the writers go to write the books on them as well, so its on the same lines as well. The trouble is, that we might be singing the Abduction, and somebody might be listening to the Abduction next year or the year after, and its the first time that they've ever heard it before, so its brand new to them.

(MR) Now I spoke a moment ago to young Brian who is the drummer of the band in regards to people coming back stage and asking, or rather relaying their UFO experience, and for that matter, do you feel that you should now perhaps take along some UFO Incident forms, whereby you would collate a UFO experience that otherwise would go unreported. (BMj) Yes I suppose that it would help, it would make your job easier to be able to say, "right, fill in this form and send it back to us", rather than us sitting listening to the chap all night.. (BMs) Yes some of them go on quite a bit when they have a few pints in them. That's actually a cracking question that, because what Malcolm's saying is that when we go up on stage and sing about them, and walk of the stage, well there is a lot of people left just hanging there, left swinging in mid-air. Yes, that would be a great idea.

(MR) Now CE IV, there are the four of you, well actually there are five of you, in that you take on stage with you, a small alien. Could you tell me how that evolved ? (BMs) The alien itself came out of Arnotts shop in Argyll street one dark night where it was chopped into small pieces and put together properly to resemble an alien. You see, people might wait for the third song and realise that we were about UFOs, so right from the start we always thought, right, lets hit them right away, even at the sound check before we went up on stage they would have an idea what was coming.

(MR) Now you have nick-named this chap, 'Gabriel' ? (BMs) Yes, I thought it was better than Moira, because that was its original name. One of our bass players at the time, his mother was called Moira, and he swore that this was the spitting image of his mother. (MR) So why the name Gabriel ? (BMs) I don't know why Gabriel, why not Gabriel, Malcolm do you think (laughs).



CE IV

(MR) Obviously a band like CE IV who incorporate UFO songs, who produce and publish their own songs, well when doing 'gigs' there is scope obviously to create the atmosphere, not only with having Gabriel on the stage, but do you envisage at all, using any 'effects' whereby as some bands have, to lower model UFOs down on to the stage ? (BMs) Again, that's money ain't it, getting the right people to do it and such, but that would be great. (BMj) We thought a few ideas that would have been worth looking at, would have been slide shows, slides showing UFOs up on the screen while we were playing, or some kind of backdrop or something. (BMs) Basically its money, for lights and such to get the atmosphere right. But we get fairly near it, we dress in black, we don't go up with yellow shirts or blue shirts whatever. (MR) So that is your normal apparel then, the black shirts ? (BMs) Yes, that's right, everything's black, well except the Y fronts (laughs), you can have them in any colour you like.

(MR) Let's talk about your album Abduction. (BMs) The biggest thing when we were doing Abduction was, what does an alien sound like ? What would the man sound like in a certain room ? What would the reverb be like in that room ? Would there be any reverb ? Certain situations that he gets into, you need the atmosphere of the music. You have got to turn around and imagine that you are in the room, and that this thing is coming towards you, so you better get the music right. That's what I meant when I said that this hasn't been done before, this type of album, and that's what the difficulty was, but I think we overcame it anyway.

(MR) I mentioned earlier that if there was anything that you would have changed about the Abduction album, but having said that, are there anything that you would have liked to have added ?

(BMs) To be honest, and as far as I am concerned, I don't know about the others, I think that you could say that about anything, any album that is completed, War Of The Worlds, they could have stopped and said that part of the song is silly, there are a couple of silly songs on that album that don't fit in, in my opinion and some of it is unbelievable, brilliant. But anybody who finishes a book, a newsletter or whatever, will always wonder if they should have added to it. I think that on the whole, the Abduction album is OK. We could have made it last three hours, but we had to decide on a 60 minute tape.

(BMj) If you notice, it actually doesn't go anywhere, so its actually possible to go further into that single abduction. (MR) So in the evnt, you can theorise that what happens at the close of this abduction on what would happen next. But then again that would be just conjecture, but you could do something on that?



(BMs) Well I know what exactly happens next, I know exactly what we are going to be doing someday, but that's something else? (MR) Arn't you going to elaborate on that? (BMs) I could say for definiet that there is an ending, without a doubt, there is an ending to it, it doesn't go on forever. (MR) Finally, do you see any out come in regards to these UFOs, do you see any direct contact being made someday with the people of the world? Or do you feel that this phenomena will prove to be just as elusive as it is in 1989, as it will be in the year 2000? (BMs) I think that it will always be elusive to people who don't think about it properly. If they

take the proper turn in their mind, then it will never be elusive to them. Its not really elusive to me. It depends on how they look at it. If they look at it like that, then it will always be like that to them, it will always be a mystery to them, its not a mystery to me personally.

(BMj) I don't think that there is going to be hand shakes and big flag waving if you know what I mean. I think that if they are going to come down, apart from scare everybody, its going to make us look a billionth of the size that we probably think we are just now. So I think that its going to be a really serious matter if anything on a major scale happens. (BMs) I don't think that its even a case of of coming down, I think that's the way we think. I still maintain that 2 and 2 to them is 5. Its a different way of thinking, and that's where we keep going wrong. We keep comparing them with what we would do if we landed on another planet.

(BMs) We are just trying to push people to think, we don't have the answers completely either you know. But if we can start thinking them off at a 'gig', then there might be a guy there who has the answers. (BMj) In fact right now there are some guys who don't know that this kind of thing is going on, so at least if we can bring this to light we can open up avenues to themselves for them to look at it. (MR) So musically, CE IV will continue for a long time? (BMj) Well we hope so God willing. (MR) Well thank you gentlemen, and best wishes for the future.

'ABDUCTION' is the current album cassette from Glasgow Rock group CE IV and can be purchased from CE IV Music, 102 Ferness Oval, Glasgow, G21 3SE, Price £6.00. The cassette depicts a typical UFO abduction narrated by Brian McMullen Snr, and is intersperced by the music of CE IV. Buy it NOW.

THE NEWHAVEN WILLOW TREE

BY RON HALLIDAY

For centuries Newhaven, that close knit community nestling on the shores of the Firth of Forth, has been home for those associated with the industries of the sea. And also as Mr Halliday informs us, has a strange Tale to tell.

James IV, impressed by the seamanship of the inhabitants, turned the huddle of the fishermen's crofts into a thriving village overnight when he decided that here should be built the great Michael, the sailing wonder of its time. The construction after 1506 of a dockyard and harbour to permit the King's grand project established a solid foundation of prosperity which Newhaven enjoyed into the last years of the Victorian era.

The precarious life of the fisherman encourages superstition, particularly the need to placate the spirits of nature, for the sea is too dangerous a mistress for mere mortals to risk tempting her wrath. Newhaven shares many of the tales found in seafaring communities throughout the world, but there is one that is unique; that of an ancient willow tree which perched at the summit of steeply sloping Whale Brae and grew to such hight that on a clear day its leafy silhouette could be glimpsed even from the distant shores of Fife.

The legend surrounding the origion of the tree forms a tradgic tale. One winters morning a young wife sat with her child on a hill slope above the village waiting for the first glimpse of her husband's boat on his return from a fishing expedition. She waved joyfully as the smack came into view, then watched in helpless dismay, as from nowhere, a viscous squall arose to whip the icy waters to a frenzy. A thick mist descended to mask the scene from her sight. When it lifted, a short while after, the boat had vanished forever.

The grief stricken woman could not accept that her short months of happiness had ended so tragically. She refused to move from the spot from where she had last seen her husband. Convinced he would return. Neither rain hail or snow could drive her away from the cold, cold brae, and there, nature taking its inevitable toll. She died with her child cradled in her lap, while the glistening flakes fell to bury them beneath a thick layer of white softness.

When the warmer winds of spring arrived to melt the icy grave both widow and bairn were removed to be buried together in the local church yard. The dead child's cradle woven from an ancient willow and now considered an omen of ill luck, was left to rot on a hill overlooking the Forth.

According to local legend, one of these woven strands mysteriously took root. A local wise woman, one said to dabble in the forbidden arts and possessed with the ability to foretell the future, noted the shoot pushing through the Earth and prophesied that it would grow into a tree of great height and girth remaining so for as long as Newhaven prospered. She then added a comment that no one at that time could understand. For until great boats fitted out for the rough North Seas leave the harbour. How uncannily accurate her words proved to be.

As Newhaven thrived, so did the willow, age serving only to increase the vigour of its growth, though a hoary wrinkled skin had long since replaced the smooth bark of the sapling. Regarded with an almost superstitious awe not a soul dared to lay an axe against it, though it came to be surrounded with a cluster of fisherfolk's cottages which would have been destroyed if the willow ever toppled. Generations of youngsters continued to scramble over its thickly spread branches, while beneath it the older ones found a cool spot to shelter from the hot summer's sun. The preservation minded Victorians placed an iron fence around the leafy giant, or was it, as the young ones complained, simply a kill-joy attempt to stop them having some fun?

In honour of their ancient friend whose reputation had spread the length of Scotland, the Edinburgh City fathers (the village had long since been swallowed by the Capital's growth) named the site where it grew "Willow Bank", the name by which it is still known. One day a new breed of boat arrived to threaten the livelihood of Newhaven's fishermen, (the trawlers). In this way the coming of these tough little boats, sturdy enough to ride out the harshest North Sea storm, fulfilled the prophesy of the 'wise woman' given so many years before.

The old willow agreed. Shortly after the first trawler ploughed through the Forth one enormous branch splintered from the trunk to crash spectacularly to the ground, a sign noted throughout the village for none had forgotten the legends connected with their ancient harbour.

But fisherfolk possess an amazing capacity for survival. Unable to compete with the trawlers, but too poor to be able to buy these vessels, fisher families predicted a life of increasing poverty and turned to the local church for help. Fortunately, in their minister, the Reverend James Fairbairn D.D. (1804-79) they had a man determined to ensure the survival of the flock he had ministered to for over 50 years.

Gradually Newhaven abandoned the traditional fishing methods and adopted modern ways of farming the seas. Without Fairbairn's encouragement and ability to raise money, Newhaven's centuries old link with the sea would have come to a sudden end. By the time of the minister's death, 33 trawlers had been provided, costing £250 each. Newhaven had come of age. On the day that the last of the old fishing smacks left the harbour, a curious silence fell on the village, as if the Earth lay ready to mourn a departing friend. Then a resounding crack shattered the eerie silence, echoing across the Forth to reach the ears of the Northward bound fleet.

The old willow tree had fallen. So runs the legend, but is it true? The giant willow certainly did stand on Whale Brae, and although I have been unable to trace a surviving photo to show it in its full glory, a picture of the shattered stump surrounded by an iron fence appeared in the 'Edinburgh Evening Dispatch' early this century.

Today, not a trace remains, yet its memory lingers on in the streetname 'Willow Bank' and in prose and poetry.

STRANGE PHENOMENA INVESTIGATIONS



Is this the Loch Ness Monster? Yet another alleged photo of "Nessie" by the elusive Frank Searle. This photograph is from 1974 and lacks background detail, if it had such then it might have lent more possible authenticity to it. (See ENIGMAS May/June 1989).



FRANK SEARLE

GHOSTLY EXPERIENCES **Part 3**



As I have already mentioned in this article, it's been stated that some people may have more psychic ability to perceive these ghostly visitors than the rest of us. And it so happens that Mrs Graham is herself psychic to an extent, especially in premonition, in which she has time and time again proved her visions come true to the amazement of her friends. So it may well be that the theory on one's psychic ability, may have a bearing to this effect.

My next case concerns the sighting of a strange ghostly form witnessed by three young girls aged between 18 and 20, who were driving home from a late night disco. It was back in May 1981 that Heather and Gillian, who live in Dunfermline, along with Hilary Guthrie who lives in Rosyth Scotland, were returning from a favourite night spot in Kircaldy Fife, namely, "Bentlys". They were driving along the B925 Auctertool road at roughly around 1.30 in the morning after what Miss Guthrie explains 'was a very good night's entertainment'. They were not in any way drunk, and drink fairly moderate as a rule.

At that time of the morning the road was deserted, in fact they hadn't passed, or been passed, by any cars whatsoever. It was whilst they were driving along this road that all three of them shared a particularly unpleasant experience, as Miss Guthrie now explains. "We were sitting chatting away about how we had enjoyed ourselves when all of a sudden Heather and Gillian started screaming, I still don't know how

Heather managed to keep control of the car. I turned around and all I managed to see was something small and pure white disappearing behind a brick wall which was running along side the road. After my friends had stopped screaming I asked them what it was that I had caught a glimpse of.

Both their stories were the same. It was something

pure white, with a white face with, 'NO FEATURES'. It had thin arms and fingers, and arms like a child's, and they were also pure white.

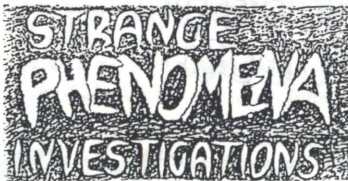
It was trying to climb over the wall, but when it saw the headlights of our car, it must have went behind the wall again. At work on Monday we were telling everyone about the "ghost" we had seen, I don't think that anyone believed us except one girl who's aunty lives in Auctertool, she said her aunty saw a ghost once and it was the exact same description as we had given her".

The unusual feature about this case is the fact that if this was an apparition as these three young girls seem to think, then why did it appear to be climbing over a wall? Most of us would envisage these ghostly forms as being able to pass through walls and closed doors with ease, so surely a stone wall would be no problem? Could it then have been a practical joker? While we should look for all possibilities before we come to any firm conclusion, (if we ever reach one?), I do think that the practical joker theory to explain this incident wears a bit thin.

Firstly, as we have stated, it was roughly 1.30 in the morning, and these girls were driving along a stretch of road which although to some, it would appear feasible for someone to be trying to scare oncoming traffic by jumping out from behind a wall, on this not so heavily used route, I think it highly unlikely. One thing we should bear in mind regarding the observation by Miss Guthrie, is the fact that this apparition 'or whatever'? wasn't keen to be seen. Apparently when the lights from their oncoming car reached the spot where this thing was, it quickly disappeared from sight. So as I have already pointed out, the practical joker theory wouldn't seem to fit. Another point to remember in the girls' favour, is the fact that another person, (a friend's aunt), also claims that she observed what might have been the same 'thing' on this stretch of road. The one remaining thing that puzzles me is the point that, 'ghosts don't climb walls, or do they'?

My next case comes from a lady from Falkirk Scotland who has longed to relate all her unusual experiences, but has not done so, (until now) for fear of being laughed at. She was so glad to relate them to myself as she knew of my interest in the 'paranormal'. I shall not set about interpreting her incidents from her account, rather, I shall quote from a letter received by me from the witness in its entirety. Owing to the lady's wish for anonymity, I shall refer to her as Mrs Baxter. "The first incident that happened to me was when I was 12, I told my mother that she was going to have a baby girl, my mother was waiting for confirmation on her pregnancy and had never mentioned it to me, it turned out that I was right.

When I was 17, my grandmother was dying of cancer, my mother at that time worked as an office cleaner in the evenings and so that she could remain at my gran's side without losing her pay, I went from my own work to clean the offices for her. Whilst dusting one office, I clearly heard the sound of 'wings flapping', but distant. They seemed to come closer until they sounded right above my head, "huge flapping wings", they sounded that real, that I actually ducked, then the sound



I looked to the wall clock, it was almost 20 minutes to 7pm. I finished cleaning the office and then I went home. When I reached home, I was informed that my grandmother had died, I was surprised though to learn, that she had died at the exact time that I was hearing those strange 'flapping noises' in that office. When my ywins were born, three years later, I was staying in my parents house, my husband, being a soldier was abroad at the time.



I awoke early one morning, 'I knew that no sound had awoken me', I then seemed to sit up without using my hands to aid me and turned my head towards the cot against the opposite wall. Leaning over the cot was a gray foggy shape as it straightened, I recognised it as gran. It then glided over to the head of the next cot and again leaned over. As it straightened a second time, it seemed to disintigrate, 'I felt no fear', in fact I promptly lay down and went back to sleep.

Two years later (1973), I joined my husband in Benhauser, a small but expanding village near Paderborn West Germany. Although we lived in a modern and attractive flat, I felt very 'uneasy' on entering it, 'there was something clearly oppressive about it'. To begin with, silly things happened, more annoying or amusing than frightening, and indeed although I felt uneasy, I didn't feel any fear. My lipsticks and perfumes, (and even my contraceptives) at one time went missing, they would turn up after a few days in the strangest of places, ie, the oven, toilet pan, vegetable rack, and even in the budgie cage. I presumed the mischief maker to be female since it seemed to be my belongings it held so much interest in, and I nicknamed it, 'Flossie', much to my then sceptical husband's amusement. One night the bottle opener went missing, before going to bed that night I said, "goodnight Flossie", and please give the opener back as its no use to you. On entering the sitting room the next morning, there was the opener in the centre of the coffee table. Gradually things got more exasperating, and I began to think that 'Flossie' wasn't alone.

I'd come home from shopping to find all the lights blazing, all the cooker rings were on and the hot-air heaters were blowing away. Ornaments would be re-arranged and dresses were laid out on the bed. Then we began to hear a baby crying, each time the hall door was opened, the crying stopped; this was also heard by friends who were visiting us. One of my twins, (the girl) then almost 3 years old, began talking about the man. She would giggle and squirm and talk of the man 'tickling her'. My husband was in bed at one time with the flu and came through to the sitting room very shaken,



someone (or thing ?) had entered the room, stroked his forehead and tucked his blankets in around him. Things began to get worse and I began to get afraid, my daughter stopped giggling and began screaming and crying instead, complaining of the man pulling her hair and knocking her down. We would lie in bed at night and listen to the air-heaters and other electrical gadgets being plugged in, and it sounded as though all hell had broke loose. We would then have to steal ourselves to go around the flat switching everything off again.

At one time a friend stayed with me while our husbands were away, I left her sitting on the settee feeding her baby while I made some supper. She came into the kitchen a few minutes later looking strange and very jumpy, finally she said, "I thought I saw a strange woman through there". She went on to tell me as she sat feeding her baby (she was sitting turned slightly on the edge of the settee) she thought someone was looking over her shoulder as she turned her head, she thought she saw a tall woman sitting directly behind her. She jumped from the settee and turned fully around, 'There was no one there', needless to say, my friend left early the next morning.

Yet another friend called one afternoon and as we lived a good distance away from the official army quarters, and had a very poor bus service, our friends nearly always ended up staying over. This friend decided to wash her hair in the evening she came out the bathroom looking very frightened and near to panic. After some time she had calmed herself down enough to say that she felt someone's hand on the back of her head, 'pushing her head down into the water as she rinsed her hair'.

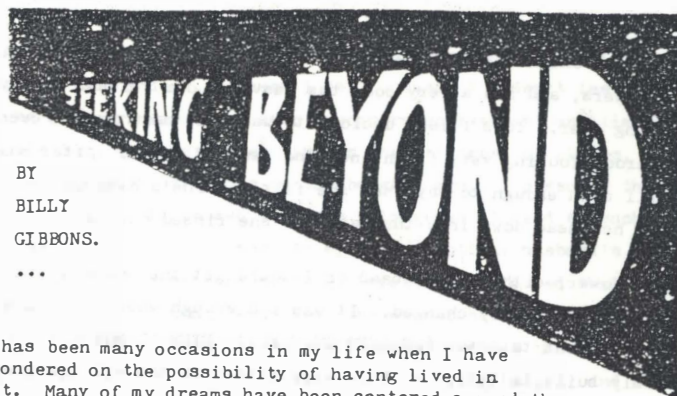
Often while taking a shower, either my husband or I would get the shock of our lives when the temperature gauge suddenly changed. It was bad enough when it went cold but very unnerving if it went to hot. (WE LEFT THAT FLAT AFTER 10 MONTHS). I know the house was only built in 1971, but know very little of the village except that it was a gestapo strong hold at one time. Soldiers in my husband's squadron told us that the couple who were in the house before us only managed to stay there for 5 weeks, and in fact the woman ended up on nerve tablets. The couple who moved in after us had no trouble at all, and lived there very happily. I also felt very depressed and short-tempered, and often felt very violent at times during my stay there, all very out of character. These feelings all left me once I had left that flat. I certainly won't forget my stay in Benhauser in a hurry.

My next out of the ordinary encounter, and my last to date, was back in 1979. While in my kitchen making tea before going on the evening nursing shift, I

thought I heard my life long friend (who had emigrated) shout my name. Most people call me Maggie, but Anne always called me Margaret, and it was Margaret she shouted. But the shout seemed to come from inside my head, it made me think of her and ponder over this voice for a minute, then I dismissed it. My husband came to meet me at the hospital that night with the news of Anne's death. Her husband's four seater plane had hit a mountain over the borders of Australia.

Much later that evening, after hours of crying, I was preparing for bed, when again Anne's voice (within my head) was saying, "And my baby too Margaret". So it came as no surprise to me when I received a letter from Anne's in-laws in Australia telling me ANNE HAD BEEN PREGNANT, but had only just found out before her death.

(Our fourth and final part of 'Ghostly Experiences' will be featured in our May-June issue of ENIGMAS. If you the reader have experienced any ghostly 'happenings' then why not drop us a line at the Editorial address. This will be in confidence if you so wish).



BY
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There has been many occasions in my life when I have often pondered on the possibility of having lived in the past. Many of my dreams have been centered around the period 1939-45. I am either a spitfire pilot, or a tank commander. Sometimes these dreams are so vivid, that the details remain in my memory for years. Other dreams seem to foretell minor predictions of the future. For example, seven years ago, whilst living and working in Yorkshire, I dreamed that I was back in my home town of Stranraer, and paying a visit to our local county library.

Having entered the building, I noticed several changes. The old lecture hall had been converted into a museum, the store room had been re-decorated and converted into a large 'non-fiction' department, whilst the old museum had been converted into a larger lecture room. Four months after the dream, I returned home to find that the library had indeed underwent the changes that I had seen in the dream.

Many people often experience 'astral projections', a strange and unworldly experience when the soul of the individual in question is supposed to leave the

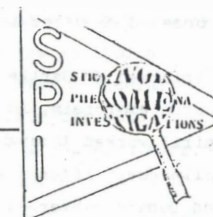
physical body when the subject is either relaxed or sleeping. The soul can then float around the physical body at will, before returning to the physical body after a certain period of time. The subject will always remember this, but assume it to be a very vivid dream.

On one occasion, about three years ago, I can remember experiencing one particular 'projection'. This occurred late one January night when I was asleep. Slowly I awoke, but felt very relaxed and in a strange trance-like state. At once I could feel myself lift up and out of my physical body, and float around my bedroom like a feather on a current of air. I willed myself to 'fly' through the wall of my room and into the kitchen of my next door neighbour. She was doing the washing up, and cut her left hand after dropping a tumbler to the floor. I watched her pick up the pieces and place them in her plastic disposable bin. After this occurred, I felt myself being drawn rapidly back to my physical body. The day after my 'dream' my neighbour was doing a spot of gardening. She had a large surgical plaster on her left hand.

Once when I stayed in Edinburgh, I happened to live next door to two very pretty young blonde headed sisters. One of these girls claimed to be a 'white witch', and informed me that my psychical powers were developed to a far higher degree than an average person. To prove this, she expressed a wish to teach me the art of card reading. I accepted her offer which led to a fourth month tuition on basic card reading skill's with a pack of ordinary playing cards. Two years after, I performed a reading for a young Australian brunette. I informed the young lady that she would receive news in the very near future from home of a family death, from which she would receive a lump sum of money. One hour later, she received a long distance telephone call from her parents in Sydney, informing her of the death of her great grandmother. She inherited the sum of £5000,000. Since then I have performed many readings for many different people. Unlike others, I DO NOT believe in accepting money for performing readings, as I believe that a natural psychical gift should not be exploited in this manner.

(ENIGMAS hope to publish in our next issue, Billy Gibbons account of his search a couple of years ago, along with other researchers, who went in search of the 'Mokele Mbembe', (an alleged dinosaur like creature) deep in the Congo Basin in Africa. It makes startling reading and is certainly something which warrents your attention. Dinosaurs in the 1990's? Watch this space.

S.P.I. CASE RESEARCH WORK.



THE STRANGE EXPERIENCES OF MRS JEAN SMITH (PART TWO) (c)

Paul McKay, SPI researcher, now informs you from some notes that he made from our interview with Jean Smith (JS) which occurred on Saturday April 4th 1987. "We arrived at Mrs Smith's home at 1405 hrs and found Mrs Smith relaxed and friendly. She began by relating her experience in hospital. Following an operation, (JS) She

was moved to a small ward and was sitting up in bed when she happened to look across the ward and saw a semi-transparent figure of a woman sitting on an old fashioned bed. The vision she said, was as if it was only the top half of the woman that was visible. She went on to say that several more people appeared but only for a short time. She was then asked if there was anyone else in the ward and she replied that there was one other lady. Asked if this other lady had 'seen' anything, she said no.

Owing to frequent paranormal ? disturbances in the home of JS, I, Malcolm Robinson, called upon the services of two Church Of Scotland ministers to administer an Exorcism in her home, the following are notes that I made from that session which occurred on 27th May 1987.

Having arrived at Mrs Smith's home early, we sat and awaited the arrival of the Church Of Scotland ministers. At 7.40 Jean opened the door to the two ministers and led them through towards the living room. However, only one entered the living room, Donald Bartle (pseudonym) I asked Donald where his colleague was, and he replied that he would be in in a moment. After a period of some minutes, I heard what sounded like the ringing of small bells coming from the hallway, as the door was partly ajar, I could see Donald's colleague pacing up and down the hallway, eyes shut, and at times, clapping his hands.

During this time, I and JS were explaining the incidents which had, and were, occurring at her home. After about 20 to 25 minutes, Robert Pearson (pseudonym) entered the living room with his eyes closed and began pacing the living room floor. At times he would blow into his hands, and at times he would breathe what sounded like 'snoring noises'. Mr Pearson then approached Jean and tapped her on the arms, head, and back. At one point, Mr Pearson stood quite still and then proceeded to utter a strange language (this was my interpretation of it ?).

I informed Mr Bartle that to my knowledge, this did not appear to be a normal church exorcism, in which he replied that this was quite true but that the Holy Spirit worked through people in different ways, and this was the case with his colleague. After a while, Mr Pearson went back into the hallway whilst I, Jean and Donald conversed once more on what was going on in Jean's home. Mr Pearson again returned to the living room, and at times blew into his cupped hands, touched Mrs Smith, and even at one point, touched me.

At one point Mr Bartle sat quietly in his chair, eyes closed, it looked to me as if he was inwardly saying a prayer for Mrs Smith. At 8.28, Mr Pearson opened his eyes and walked about the room. I asked him how he felt, did he 'perceive' anything ?

he gave no reply and again closed his eyes walking about the room slowly. At 9.32 he opened his eyes and informed me that the phenomena was centered around Jean and not the two houses of which she occupied (see last issue). He felt a 'presence' around Jean but could not discern what this was. This then, was basically what transpired on that evening, quite an unusual exorcism. All this unfortunately was to no avail as events did increase in intensity.

Earlier in May 1987, I had approached the Alloa Christian Spiritualist Church for their help and indeed was duly assisted. John Allardice, Chairman of the Alloa church psychically perceived in Jean's home a tall thin gentleman who wanted to speak to Jean but John said that either he wasn't powerful enough, or the conditions were not. Walter Manini, a member of the church and who has himself mediumistic powers, saw an old lady's face 'superimpose' itself over Jean's face. Emily Manini administered psychic healing on Jean which helped to relax her. The aforementioned members of the Alloa church gained several interesting pieces of information from the 'spirit world' which Jean Smith accepted as fact and indeed was quite surprised by it all.

Having tried various methods in trying to alleviate the situation concerning the strange events at Mrs Jean Smith's home, I decided on a new and entirely different approach. This approach deals mainly with the planet Earth's magnetic fields, in which, as Mr Andrew Davie from Alloa claims, (see SPI April 88 Newsletter), can effect a location whereby giving that locale strange incidents ? Firstly info on Mr Andrew Davie.

69 year old Andrew Davie, lives in Norwood Avenue in the town of Alloa in Clackmannanshire Scotland. Andrew has been actively involved with matters relating to electromagnetism in relation to strange phenomena. Andrew reckons that his theory can account for ghosts and UFOs and other strange phenomena. Andrew is also a member of the Scottish federation of Dowseers and uses a pendulum over a special chart of which he designed and which has many of a person's possible ailments written upon it. And by the use of his pendulum and the snip of a subject's hair, he can inform that person exactly what is the matter with them. Andrew has travelled extensively around the world and has given many lectures on his theories.

It was on a warm evening on the 23rd of July 1987, that Mr Andrew Davie collected me from the Alloa bus station in his car where we then proceeded on to the village of Shieldhill. As Mrs Jean Smith had just recently moved back into her home in Shieldhill, previously staying in the village of Laurieston (near Falkirk), this would be my first sight and visit of her home in Shieldhill.

(We shall continue our report on the Jean Smith case in our next issue).

news desk



▶ WELL I NEVER ? Since writing the

Editorial, a quite fascinating event has occurred, and it concerns a particular message which came through our Table Tilting session in January. The table tapped out, 'Robert Robinson back home on Feb 13th. This apparently was in reference to my brother who works and lives over in Finland. I knew that my brother was supposed to come to Scotland, but even I, nor any family members, knew the exact date. And when February the 13th came and went with no sign of Robert, I said to myself "it looks like spirit must be wrong". The following day I came home from work at ten in the evening and was told that my brother WAS BACK HOME in Scotland and had arrived in Edinburgh airport, on, you've guessed it, February the 13th. Well you could have bowled me over. To me this is quite startling. No one on that table tilting experiment in January knew when my brother was arriving, indeed, the others never even knew that I had a brother, and yet a piece of household furniture had spelt out quite correctly the exact day when my brother was, as it put it, "Coming Home". I'll tell you this readers, spirit communication or not, there is something clearly paranormal at work here. There are 365 days in the year, and the odds, if even by chance of unconscious muscular movement tapping out not only a clear concise message, but a particular day of the year must be astronomical. I am still stunned yet by all this. Any sceptical answers ?

▶ RENCONTRES de LYON. The 4th European Rencontres de Lyon UFO Congress will be held once again in the City of Lyon France. The congress is open to anyone who wishes to debate the UFO phenomena. If you wish to attend the congress, then please contact AESV, po Box 324, 13611 Aix Cedex I France. Phone (16) 42.27.26.18. Telex 410 777F SOSVNI Minitel. The congress is scheduled for Saturday 28th, Sunday 29th and Monday 30th April 1990. Should be a good event as William Moore, Jacques Vallee and Bud Hopkins have attended this in the

past. ▶ PHANTOMS OF THE SKY T. SHIRT.

The Phantoms of the sky T. shirt with its unique design, (drawn by Kevin Flannery of the (IUN), is now available for only £5.50 This includes post and package. All the T shirts are large sized with a black design on a white shirt. All you have to do to get your T shirt, is to send a cheque or postal order made payable to, Philip Mantle, 1 Woodhall Drive, Batley, West Yorkshire, WF17 7SW. Please allow up to 28 days for delivery.

▶ PHANTOMS OF THE SKY SHEFFIELD UFO CONFERENCE. Further to our notice of this conference on page 16 I would like to add to the fact that the Library Theatre itself seats 260 people, is angled for ease of vision, and has comfortable seating. In addition there will be a bar selling both alcohol and tea and coffee, open for both days. Additionally there will be the best second hand book stall that you've ever seen at a UFO conference, and new books by those giving papers will be on sale also. Conference Proceedings, consisting of summaries of papers given, will be on sale at the event as will a special IUN conference issue of UFO BRIGANTIA. If you require any further details about the event, the location, or anything connected with the conference then please contact Martin Dagless at 84 Elland Road, Brighouse, West Yorkshire, HD6 2QR. Please make cheques or postal orders made payable to Martin Dagless at the above address.

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